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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the application of:

Michael C. Kiefer et al.

Serial No.: 08/320,157

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For: NOVEL APOPTOSIS-MODULATING  
PROTEINS, DNA ENCODING THE  
PROTEINS AND METHODS OF USE  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated December 3, 1996. A response date to the Office Action is set for May 3, 1997. Enclosed is a Petition for a 3 month Extension of Time to extend the due date for this response from March 3, 1997 to June 3, 1997, along with the requisite fee under 37 CFR §1.17(b). Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks submitted herein.

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